

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP: 1754

Gottlieb-Georg LINDNER, et al.

EXAMINER: Nguyen, Ngoc Yen M

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FOR: SILICA BY PRECIPITATION AT CONSTANT ALKALI NUMBER, AND ITS
USE

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Now comes Dr. Görl who deposes and states that:

1. I am a graduate of University of Würzburg and received my doctorate degree in the year 1987.
2. I have been employed by Evonik Degussa GmbH for 20 years as a Chemist in different positions in the field of applied technology, marketing and production of precipitated silica. In my current position as Manager of Quality Management / Analytics & Reference Laboratory Silica, I am responsible for test methods, specification, cross-checks, etc. of all the silica plant labs and applied technology labs of Evonik Degussa GmbH worldwide.
3. In the Reference Laboratory Silica which I am heading, the experiments submitted in the Rule 132 Declaration filed May 7, 2007, were performed. The margin of error of this experiment, as performed routinely in our reference laboratory, is +/- 0.25 ml/5g.
4. The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section

1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

5. Further deponent saith not.

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